

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ADDIS 11926 081534Z

42

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W  
----- 034499

P R 081255Z OCT 75

FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6603

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

USMISSION GENEVA

C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 11926

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: KAGNEW 4: EPMG REVERSES ITSELF ON FAMILY APPEALS

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 11835; B) ADDIS ABABA 11857;

C) ADDIS ABABA 11744

1. MOFA'S ACTING AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR CALLED US NOON OCT. 8 TO INFORM US UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM ACTING FONMIN GETACHEW KIBRET THAT THE USG'S REQUEST FOR THE BROADCASTING OF KAGNEW-FOUR FAMILY APPEALS OVER EPMG FACILITIES HAS BEEN RECONSIDERED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. HIGHER AUTHORITY HAS NOW FOUND THE REQUESTED BROADCASTS TO BE INOPPORTUNE. ACTING DIRECTOR ADDED MOFA'S REGRETS AT EPMG'S INABILITY TO COOPERATE WITH US IN THIS MATTER AT THIS TIME. ASKED TO DESCRIBE REASONS FOR REVERSAL OF EPMG'S POSITION (OF REF. C) ACTING DIRECTOR CITED "INTERVENING CIRCUMSTANCES."

2. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION CHAIRMAN OF THE DIRG'S SUB-COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS AND INFORMATION, COLONEL ASRAT DESTA, TOLD CPAO TODAY THAT DIRG HAD HAD "A PROCEDURAL PROBLEM" WITH OUR REQUEST. HE LEFT CPAO WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT DIRG'S PROBLEM RELATED TO "RECOGNITION" OF INSURGENTS WHICH, IN ITS  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ADDIS 11926 081534Z

VIEW, INHERENTLY ATTACHES TO PROPOSED BROADCASTS AS

SUCH. COL. ASRAT AT END OF HIS CONVERSATION WONDERED OUT LOUD WHY US PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ACCEPTED IN THE FIRST PLACE, LEAVING FLAVOR OF CONSTANT DIRG OPPOSITION THERE-TO.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENT:

EMBASSY CONSIDERS EPMG'S REVERSAL ON ISSUE WHICH IT KNOWS TO BE IMPORTANT TO USG TO BE A SERIOUS MATTER. WHILE EMBASSY IS NOT DISPOSED SIMPLY TO SWEEP ASIDE MOFA'S CONTENTION THAT INTERVENING CIRCUMSTANCES (E.G. BOMBING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUILDING; CELU WORK STOP-PAGES, ETC.) HAVE ALTERED EPMG'S CALCULUS (NOTABLY WITH REGARD TO ERITREAN COMPONENT OF THE SITUATION) IT IS NEVERTHELESS UNSATISFACTORY TO BE PUT OFF WITH VAGUE REFERENCE TO "INOPPORTUNE TIME" AND "INTERVENING CIRCUMSTANCES." ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP PRESSURE ON EPMG TO PERMIT BROADCASTS. AT VERY LEAST, INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD DIRECT US TO PROBE FOR A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF EPMG'S SHIFT. EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTS THAT MATTER BE TAKEN UP IN FORTHCOMING BILATERAL WITH ETHIOPIAN FONMIN KIFLE WODAJO.  
HUMMEL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** RADIO BROADCASTING, DEPENDENTS, PRISONERS RELEASE, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 08 OCT 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** CunninFX  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975ADDIS11926  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750349-0692  
**From:** ADDIS ABABA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19751072/aaaactlx.tel  
**Line Count:** 84  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION SS  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** EXDIS  
**Reference:** 75 ADDIS ABABA 11835, 75 ADDIS ABABA 11857  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** CunninFX  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:** ANOMALY  
**Review Date:** 20 JUN 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <20 JUN 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <04 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** KAGNEW 4: EPMG REVERSES ITSELF ON FAMILY APPEALS  
**TAGS:** PINS  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006